

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 349
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 4, 2013; February 5, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
1-4 February 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; February 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 | | | | |
| 1-8 | Carona | X | | |
| 1-9 | Taylor | X | | |
| 1-10 | Eltife | X | | |
| 1-11 | Estes | X | | |
| 1-12 | Hancock | X | | |
| 1-13 | Lucio | X | | |
| 1-14 | Van de Putte | X | | |
| 1-15 | Watson | X | | |
| 1-16 | Whitmire | X | | |

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to standards for power lines.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 181.041, Utilities Code, is amended by
1-22 adding Subdivisions (3) and (4) to read as follows:

1-23 (3) "Distribution line" means a power line operated
1-24 below 60,000 volts when measured phase to phase.

1-25 (4) "Transmission line" means a power line operated at
1-26 60,000 volts or more when measured phase to phase.

1-27 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 181.045, Utilities Code,
1-28 is amended to read as follows:

1-29 (a) A municipal electric utility shall construct, operate,
1-30 and maintain its transmission lines and distribution lines [~~for the~~
1-31 ~~transmission and distribution of electric energy~~] along highways
1-32 and at other places in accordance with the national electrical
1-33 safety code. With regard to clearances, an electric utility that is
1-34 not a municipal electric utility shall construct, operate, and
1-35 maintain its transmission lines and distribution lines [~~for the~~
1-36 ~~transmission and distribution of electric energy~~] along highways
1-37 and at other places in accordance with the national electrical
1-38 safety code.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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